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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Being on Social Security I try to save every penny I can. I use the cell for for safety and I use my phone card to keep in contact with my children who live outside of my calling area. To add taxes would be a hardship and would mean i couldn't call my children as often as I would like. Every time I turn around local, state and the federal government keep adding taxes on services we senior citizens depend on. Enough is enough. Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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